

Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security
Training Committee
October 27, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Steve Walsh
Jack Casner
Robert Kenny, Jr.
Robert Grega
Jeff Morrisette
John Field
Thomas Flaherty
Ellen Layman
Susan Rainville
Rick Kleindienst
Jim Paturas
Carl Shultz
Suzanne Vauchn
Wayne Maheu
Lt. Alvin Schwapp
Mary Duley
Gary Stango

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Jeff Morrisette at 1:35 p.m.

Chairman Morrisette moved to Item 2 on the agenda, DEMHS Training Update. Paul Benyeda was not available to attend today's meeting but he asked that several items be discussed. Governor Rell's Executive Order Number 10 concerning NIMS Compliance was issued on September 19th and distributed to those in attendance. It was reiterated that the primary goal for training at the present time is in the area of NIMS and ICS compliance.

Training Committee members were reminded that a WMD Awareness Train-the-Trainer (TtT) has been scheduled for November 15-16 at the Connecticut Fire Academy. This is the last delivery of this program as a TtT so agencies and organizations that wish to deliver this program in the future must have personnel attend. At present there are approximately 30 people registered and the cut-off date is fast approaching. Sustainability of training on a state level is ODP's goal as training funds may dry-up.

It was reported that Paul Benyeda is in the final stages of consolidating the I-700 NIMS, I-100 ICS & I-200 ICS programs into a single day delivery including testing. This Power Point based program will be made available to all those interested in delivering it. Discussion confirmed most attendees agreed this program would be well received.

Chair Morrisette distributed ODP Information Bulletin 193 regarding the Cooperative Training Outreach Program and its impact upon training entities in the state. There are a number of key program elements including facility requirements and "Master Trainer" qualifications. Copies would be forwarded to training committee members.

A program overview was conducted by Rick Kleindienst from Yale New Haven Health regarding their proposal to deliver the Core Disaster Life Support (CDLS) program statewide. A copy of their funding request and justification to Commissioner Thomas for \$250,000 was available for review. The target audience for this program is city officials, public safety professionals and emergency planners with the overarching goals of standardizing emergency medical disaster response training nationwide and strengthening the nation's disaster response system. One concern was approval of specialty courses and the possible impact on implementing NIMS/ICS training which is our primary goal. Mr. Kleindienst did indicate the proposal could be modified as needed. Chair Morrisette stated that he was unsure as to what authority the Training Committee had approving requests, specifically funding, and that before any decision be made the program would require ODP approval. It was decided that no vote would be taken

concerning this request however those in attendance generally agreed that the program had merit for further consideration. There was also brief discussion on the possibility of recommending that DEMHS partition the training funds into several levels to ensure that all levels of an organization have access to training programs from entry through specialty levels. It may be appropriate that this program be considered as a specialty level program if and when approved by ODP.

Chair Morrisette read an Email from Alyce Gould, Associate Dean of Briarwood College concerning their interest to discuss how their institution might work with DEMHS or their partners in the area of Homeland Security Training. Any agency or organization interested to work with Briarwood should contact Ms. Gould (goulda@briarwood.edu).

Chair Morrisette opened the floor to any questions and or updates from those in attendance.

No follow-up meeting was scheduled however one was expected soon to allow for the hand-off of the consolidated I-700/100/200 program.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.